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A Message from Eileen Burrell

To all my readers

Hallo from Eileen, I hope you are all well. I'm writing this from The Grove in West Ashby. It is very nice here, and the staff are lovely, but I do miss my home in Sandpit Cottages. It's quite difficult to put together a selection of my reminiscences as I don't have my reference papers here with me, but one day I shall once more regale you with tales of hedgehogs in the Greetham Road, Mr Baxter's machinery flinging potatoes around, Billy Butters, Doctor Harper-Smith playing merry hell in Louth Hospital, Mrs Baumber and her two daughters Ella and Ruby, Mr Cummings the egg collector, my Mum and Mrs Gutteridge falling out and never speaking again, the chimney sweep who only ate his lunch after taking his teeth out and putting them in his pocket, the Squire who liked everyone, and me living next to the Massingberd Arms. Such stories! And no harm in any of them! Please think of me, and pay me a visit if you have time, with love, Eileen.

(If you would like information about Eileen, and/or would like to visit her, please contact the magazine and we'll put you in touch with her daughter Heather Baker – Ed)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENT & LOCATION	DATE & TIME
First walk of the newly-formed Tetford Walking Group	Wednesday 19 th March
Parish Council Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 19 th March 7.30pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 25 th March 2-4pm
W.I. Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 26 th March 7.30pm
Horncastle Up Stagers: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, Lion Theatre	Thu 27 th - Sat 29 th March 7.30pm Sat 29 th 2.30pm matinée
Reading Group	Friday 28 th March 7pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 1 st April 2-4pm
Wednesday Club Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd April 7.30pm
Informal Worship, Tetford St Mary	Sunday 6 th April 10am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 8 th April 2-4pm
Parish Council Meeting, Hamilton Hall	Wednesday 9 th April 7.30pm
Access Mobile Delivery>Returns	Thursday 10 th April
TTOTAS Copy Deadline	Friday 11 th April
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 15 th April 2-4pm
Easter Service, Ruckland St Olave	Sunday 20 th April 10am
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 22 nd April 2-4pm
Tea & Chat, Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 29 th April 2-4pm
PPG Meeting	Friday 9 th May

THE TIMES OF TETFORD & SALMONBY

Welcome to the 39th edition of *The Times of Tetford and Salmonby* (TTOTAS)

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**THIS MONTH** A marked lack of news gathered this week, perhaps nothing’s happened? But we have a message from Eileen Burrell, our erstwhile supplier of historical anecdotes, and the fourth of Jonty Wild’s War Memorial biographies. Jonty’s Walking Group looks like a goer, and we have the regular entries from the Learoyds and Simon Wood. The Wednesday Club is looking a bit shaky but the WI’s Coffee Morning was a resounding triumph. The Arts and Culture section is crammed, with our youngest ever author, Lara Watson, starting a spooky Hallowe’en story (to be continued!)

**ERRATUM** Last month in our report of the January Parish Council Meeting we inadvertently failed to change the heading from the previous meeting, so the January notes were headed November (no meeting in December). We apologise for any confusion caused.

**Donations** £20 this month from standing orders that people have kindly set up in our favour, plus £110 which includes £50 from the winding up of the Travel Group (thank you!) Total donations £1765 so far (since June 2021). Further donations please put through the Barley Corn Cottage door (postcode LN9 6QH) or by bank transfer a/c **36053762** sort code **30-99-50** account name **The Times of Tetford & Salmonby**. Please note that the magazine is funded entirely by donation and by the editor. Currently that’s about half each.

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**Please continue** to alert us where we print falsehoods, or typos, or any sort of misinformation e.g. if something’s out of date.

**Please keep us up to date** by submitting dates and details of your events **well in advance of our deadlines, around the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month**. And please, please bring us NEWS!

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## NEWS ROUND UP ROUND THE VILLAGES

### TETFORD

**THE HONESTY SHOP** outside the Mansion House in Little London is returning the last weekend in March, which is Mother's Day weekend and when the clocks spring forward. Odile says she will be doing a few bigger cakes ('loaf cakes') as well as her customer favourites and a few gluten free choices too. The Honesty Shop will be "dressed for Spring" and will be all ready to greet customers new & old. Its times remain Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8 'til dark. Contact: [odile@the-mansion-house.com](mailto:odile@the-mansion-house.com)

**MILK DELIVERIES** have been taken up by McQueens Dairies who are now doing a milk round that includes Tetford (even though their website says they don't). They make weekly deliveries on a Monday and Thursday. You can alter your order online and pay via direct debit. Tel. 0330 555 5588; website [www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk](http://www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk).

**THE TETFORD WEDNESDAY CLUB** visited the Riverhead Theatre Louth on the 12<sup>th</sup> March to see the Playgoers production of *The Vicar of Dibley* which was much enjoyed by all. About 16 members attended, and we are told there were one or two moments in the Louth production which obviously were too fruity for the BBC original!

Lesley Harper-Smith has announced her pending departure after over 50 years as founder and organiser of the club and a new organiser is urgently sought to prevent the club folding. The Wednesday Club was started by Lesley in 1971 with 22 members.

The next meeting this year will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and will be a *LIVES* demonstration to instruct in resuscitation techniques. This will be followed by the AGM in May before the summer break until September, all being well.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** Two men put themselves forward for the position, one of whom withdrew in favour of the other at the Parish Council meeting in February. Mr Bryan Willson of Little London was duly co-opted onto the Council.

**SALMONBY BENDS.** Please everyone keep complaining! Potholes are gradually reappearing! Email [CllrH.Marfleet@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:CllrH.Marfleet@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or look online for 'Salmonby' on FixMyStreet Lincolnshire or go to [Lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://Lincolnshire.gov.uk) and find 'Roads and Transport.'

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# The Men on the Tetford War Memorial by Jonty Wild

**Pte. 12408, George Henry Hannath, 7th Bn., Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 15/02/1916.**



George's mother was Harriet Hannath (later Taylor). She was born in Tetford to George and Mary Jane Hannath (née Staves), but around the time of her birth, her father died and her mother later married James Albans. George was born in 1896 in Ketsby, Lincs., and it seems that he was born out of wedlock.

By 1897, Harriet's mother (Mary) and stepfather (James) must have moved to Tetford, because there is a newspaper report dated September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1897, of James being summonsed to Horncastle Petty Sessions for being drunk and disorderly, after a night drinking at the Red Lion Inn, Tetford. He was alleged to have broken his front door down with an axe, after his wife (Mary) refused to open it and then "*turned out his wife and daughter*" – actually stepdaughter - either Harriet or her elder sister Emma. The witness was PC Robinson, however after deliberation, the case was dismissed. We do not know if George was present.

By 1901, George was four and was living at Malt Kiln Yard, Tetford, with James and Mary and his aunt, Emma Hannath. Harriet was recorded at a different Tetford address, working as a housekeeper for Charles Taylor, a police sergeant, who was a widower with three children. Harriet married Charles in 1902. George has not been found in the 1911 census when he would have been fourteen, but by the time war broke out he was working for Mr Morley, a farmer in Tetford. He was described as "*a fine strapping fellow*".

Robert Trolley, George Hannath and Ernest Brown all served together, and their service numbers, 12407, 12408 and 12420 respectively, show that they joined together. They were followed by Wilfred Gant (13372). We have already established the similarity of service between them in previous articles (Wilfred and Ernest) and Robert Trolley is next in the series – so I won't repeat here what has already been written\*<sup>1</sup>. Wilfred died September 5<sup>th</sup>, and Ernest on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1915. It is likely that George, Robert Trolley and Ernest Brown were nearby on the former date, and George and Robert probably nearby on the latter date, and perhaps also with Reg Cheeseman of Salmonby, who survived the war. Surely both deaths would have been felt badly by the surviving men. Then from late October much of George and Robert's experience was shared.

In November, the Battalion was in trenches near Hooze (Belgium), which were "*in a wretched state*". The War Diary recorded: "*all trenches containing water knee-deep.*" Work to improve them stopped as, soon after midnight, they were warned that an enemy attack was imminent. There was shelling by both sides, but no attack, and they later left for the dugouts in the Ypres Ramparts. It is unlikely they got much rest as Ypres was under constant shellfire. Then they returned to the trenches. The conditions can be inferred from an order written on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, "*Company Officers will make sure that every single individual proceeding to the trenches is equipped with a pair of thigh boots and has had his feet treated with the necessary preparation.*" This was a time when there was high risk of 'trench foot' and life would have been frightening and miserable.

December was much the same in every respect, except that some of the shelling included gas. Generally they were still in and out of the trenches near Hooge and had terrible weather, but at least they were out of them over Christmas. December casualties were: Officers 1 killed and 4 wounded, ORs 15 killed and 43 wounded, plus 1 Officer and 17 ORs reporting sick.

The New Year was welcomed in with heavy shelling by the Germans, but on the 4<sup>th</sup> the Battalion left the trenches, moved to Ypres Ramparts and then on to St Omer for rest and training. There they were well clear of danger. During this period George was given a few days' leave and perhaps even managed to get home.

He may have returned by February 11<sup>th</sup> when the War Diary recorded the dangers of the mining war beneath and nearby them as both sides sought get to the other lines first and sometimes they clashed. The Germans broke through to a British gallery, the mining officer waited for a German to appear through the hole, shot him, then blew up the gallery. Later, the Lincolnshires threw 102 bombs (grenades) into the German lines with no retaliation.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, two companies, less three platoons, went to rest camp, with the remainder relieving the 10<sup>th</sup> Sherwoods in reserve at the Kingsway Dugouts. The following day, at 3:30pm, the enemy started an intensive bombardment of 'The Bluff', and those in the rest camp were ordered to 'Stand To' and a series of confusing incidents started which led to George's death. At 6:10pm the enemy were reported to have attacked and broken through. Some of the Lincolnshires, under Captain Legard, moved up to support the 8<sup>th</sup> South Staffordshires at 6:30pm. At 7:15pm all remaining men were sent forward and by 11pm all the troops from the rest camp had arrived. At 4:45am on the 15<sup>th</sup> they counterattacked the Germans, but it failed, so another was made: *"10:30pm - Situation very uncertain. Intense enemy barrage, 11:15pm - No information from our left. No progress in the centre, 1:00am (16<sup>th</sup>) - Lieutenant Jones returned to Batt HQ reporting that he had reached the enemy front line but had been unable to retain his position."* However, by 1:30am The Bluff had been regained, but the Germans were still holding the west end of it plus some other trenches.

At just 19 George was dead, killed on the 15<sup>th</sup> and among the casualties between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February which included: 1 officer killed and 7 wounded, 23 ORs killed and 71 wounded, of which 3 died of their wounds. His body was lost on the battlefield and is probably still there. He is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres and of course, on the Tetford War Memorial.

George's death was reported in the Horncastle News on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1916, and included a letter from Second Lieut. H E Broadbent to George's mother. It read: *"I deeply regret to inform you that your son, Pte. G. Hannath, was killed in action on the night of the 15th inst. He died whilst doing his duty during an attack in the trenches. He was a splendid fellow, and liked by all his Platoon. I know this will be a very sad blow to you, and you have my very deepest sympathy."*

After George's death, his pay owed (£6 11s 9d) went to his aunt, Miss Emma Hannath and later, his war gratuity (£6) and his pension (5 shillings a week) went to his grandmother, Mary Jane Albans who was living in Tetford.

*\*I If you would like more detail, please refer to previous magazines or contact Jonty Wild.*

*These are abbreviated biographies. Longer versions ('book' or 'full' versions) are available via [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk) or will be available to read in the church. **If you can add anything for the men, such as information/photographs/corrections please tell me. Jonty Wild***

## **From Tetford to the Tideline – April 2025**

In early March we took a walk to the seaside. Over two days we enjoyed the changing spring scenery across the Wolds, Marshes and coast.

Leaving Tetford in the sunshine the air was full of the song of *skylarks* ascending along with the mewing of *buzzards* soaring above the mix of pasture and arable fields. A highlight was hearing the cronk-cronk of a *raven* flying over. The hedgerows held flocks of *long tailed tits* and a few *yellowhammers*.

There were very few flowers for the insects, any like the *violets* and *blackthorn* blossom attracted a variety of bees and butterflies – *comma* and *brimstone*.

The change in the seasons was most obvious in the woodlands and copses with the calls of both summer *chiffchaff* and over-wintering *fieldfares*.

In the bare Wold's hillside fields, the boundary between the red Spilsby sandstone and white chalk was clearly visible. After a short dry spell, the streams and drains flowed with clear spring water.

The first day finished in the market town of Alford with day two following a route across the gentle landscape of the Coastal Grazing Marshes with contour lines fluctuating between 5 and 10 metres before dropping down to just 2 metres (6 feet) above sea level. The footpaths were poorly marked and the bridges across the drains were sometimes missing, making a stroll along winding lanes a more pleasant option.

The cool and misty conditions kept most birds quiet with just a few *skylarks* attempting their vertical display flight. Two *woodcock* lifted from the drains, contemplating a return flight across the North Sea to their Scandinavian breeding grounds. A large flock of *golden plover* were hunkered down in an exposed arable field behind the dunes, most of these birds will be heading to Iceland soon.

Our walk finished on the beach at high tide, with a solitary *sanderling* scampering about the waves looking for marine crustaceans. We picked a small token from the strandline, another shell for our collection.

*Paul Learoyd*

To find out more about Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust: [www.lincstrust.org.uk](http://www.lincstrust.org.uk)

If you have a wildlife or nature topic you'd like Paul to address, please let him know at [paullearoyd@googlemail.com](mailto:paullearoyd@googlemail.com)



## GROUP NEWS

### **TETFORD & DISTRICT W.I.**

*from Stephanie Wilkinson*

At our Annual Meeting on February 26th, Officers presented review reports and members were pleased to vote in Terri Willings to continue in her role as President for the forthcoming year. After the conclusion of business, we relaxed with cheese and wine refreshments during which members were entertained by each other's poetry readings. Some chose their favourite poems from other poets, whilst a few read out self-penned work. The themes chosen were diverse and ranged from pets to secrets.

Colourful advertising posters were displayed in prominent positions for the WI Coffee Morning held on Saturday 8 March in Hamilton Hall. This strategy resulted in greater attendance numbers than expected, and attendees enjoyed Tetford's renowned hospitality, savouring homemade cakes and biscuits along with their hot beverages. Stalls including Easter Egg Tombola, Homemade Cakes and Biscuits for sale, Crafts and Plants, together with a generous Raffle, raised a very substantial amount to be donated to Andy's Children's Hospice. Thank you to all who attended and donated, making this event both enjoyable and fruitful.

At our next meeting on March 26th, Philip Maddison will talk to us about Organic Gardening.

Further details can be obtained from our President, Terri Willings on 07488 323847 or 01790 612341

### **A TETFORD WALKING GROUP?** *update from Jonty Wild*

There was plenty of interest in starting a walking group, so the first walk is organised for Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to start off with shorter, flatter walks until we get a feel for what members want to do.

The 'ethos' of the group will be informality, with people walking as a group, but responsible for themselves, e.g. we will not be providing insurance. The walking dates will be either the first or third Wednesdays – possibly both, with walks being approximately 4 to 6 miles.

Hopefully, we can keep communication simple, with information about future walks sent via an email group and this magazine if organised before deadlines. For members, any urgent or late information will be provided via a WhatsApp group. Membership is free, but to join you just have to accept the ethos of the group, regarding organisation and personal responsibility.

If you have any questions or want more information email [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk).

## CHURCH NEWS – St. Mary's, Tetford

A Sunday informal worship is held on the first Sunday of the month in St Mary's Tetford at 10am. There is time for coffee and a chat afterwards, all welcome.

The quinquennial inspection of St Mary's took place in early March, The report is yet to be received.

### Friends of St Mary's

The friends help with the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard, many thanks to everyone who cleans, provides the flowers and particularly with keeping the Churchyard tidy, you really are appreciated. Donations towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church can be made to 'Friends of St Mary's' account number 34267660; sort code 30-99-50. Cash, and cheques payable to "Friends of St Mary's" please deliver to 'Hill View', North Road, Tetford.

## THE SOUTH ORMSBY GROUP OF CHURCHES

For general enquiries contact the Rural Dean Reverend Fran Jeffries 01790 752526

BAG ENDERBY BRINKHILL CALCEBY DRIBY FARFORTH KETSBY HARRINGTON HAUGH

Each month there is a lay-led family service at **Tetford St Mary** on the first Sunday of the month and then two weeks later a further service in one of the other churches in the South Ormsby Group, taken by a member of the clergy.

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|-----|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------|
| Sun | 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | Tetford St Mary   | Informal Worship | 10am |
| Sun | 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Ruckland St Olave | Easter Day       | 10am |

BAG ENDERBY BRINKHILL CALCEBY DRIBY FARFORTH KETSBY HARRINGTON HAUGH

### The Parish of South Ormsby Group – Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the Church of England completes a full revision of the Church Electoral Roll.

The Electoral Roll is the parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

Membership of the Electoral Roll is not confined to those people who come to worship regularly, or for those who have been Confirmed.

You can be a full and active member of our Churches without joining the Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments or to contribute financially. You do not need to be on the Roll in order to be married or buried in your local church.

The criteria are on the application form for being entered on the electoral roll. The forms can be found in a blue folder in the churches, once you have completed the form please return to the folder. The forms are available in the following churches. Tetford, Somersby, Bag Enderby, Brinkhill, Harrington, Ruckland.

Please email; [josephinehughes@btinternet.com](mailto:josephinehughes@btinternet.com) if you need any further information.

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## REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

### Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council\*, beginning on \_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ 23rd \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 \_\_, and ending on \_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ 20th \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 \_\_.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer or from the folders placed in the church. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ 10th \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 \_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_ Jo Hughes \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_ White House Farm Somersby \_\_\_\_\_  
*Church Electoral Roll Officer*

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (1 of 5)

### The Hamilton Hall

is available to hire for all events such as private parties or fundraising events.

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#### Hamilton Hall Committee

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kate Stark (Chair)<br>David Needs<br>Pat Sparks<br>Paul Head (Treasurer) | Marlene Renshaw (Bookings etc.)<br>Pat Harrison (Secretary)<br>Lesley Harper-Smith |
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#### *Update from Marlene Renshaw*

- **Table tennis on Monday evening and Thursday afternoon, Pilates and Yoga are going well**
- **The Bowls club meets on Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members always welcome, and the first three evenings are free**
- **The Farmers Market has been discontinued for now.**
- **Tea and chat, Tuesday afternoons 2 – 4pm. A lovely friendly group, please come and join us as the cold months continue but Spring is just around the corner.**
- **There are tentative plans afoot to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on May 8<sup>th</sup>, look out for more updates.**

#### **REGULAR HAMILTON HALL ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES:**

**Tea & Chat** Tuesdays 2-4pm All welcome

**Short Mat Bowls**, Tuesdays at 7.30pm Contact Mr D Needs 01507 533705

**Wednesday Club** First Wednesday of the month **from September to May** 7.30pm (usually).  
Contact Lesley Harper-Smith on 01507 533355. See Group News

**Tetford Village Market** – DISCONTINUED (hopefully temporarily). Previously every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday of the month usually 1-3pm Contact Marie Gray on *Tetford Matters*  
[www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/) or see poster.

**Table Tennis** Monday evenings from 7-9pm and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. Email  
[tetfordtabletennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:tetfordtabletennisclub@gmail.com) for enquiries. The club has five tables.

**Pilates-Plus** Mondays 09.30am. Contact Debbie Jenner [debbiejenner@outlook.com](mailto:debbiejenner@outlook.com). £9 per class.  
Also on Zoom Tuesday & Friday 09.30am and at Spilsby on Wednesdays.

**Yoga** –Thursday 6-7pm run by 'Claire' from Hagworthingham

**Teas for the Walkers** This service is available for booking in the Hamilton Hall by walkers' groups.  
Groups should contact Marlene Renshaw 01507 533209

**Parish Council** Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7.30pm. See feature(s)

**Tetford and District W.I.** Fourth Wednesday of the month 7.30pm (see Group News). Contact  
Terri Willings (Branch President) 01790 612341

# TEA & CHAT



**EVERY  
TUESDAY  
AFTERNOON**



**HAMILTON HALL**

**2-4pm**

**All Welcome**

*“A lovely friendly group”*

## FOR SALE

|                                                                 |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
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| Electric coal-effect fire, good working order (fits into grate) | £10       |
| ‘Padders’ Ladies’ shoes, beige, size 6, NEW                     | £15 o.n.o |
| 6 person tent                                                   | £50 o.n.o |
| Camping fridge, only used once                                  | £35       |

Tel. 01507 533769 (Tetford)

### Pilates-Plus classes in Tetford Monday 09.30 Hamilton Hall £9,- per class

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Learn to move your spine in a safe, effective way and all that in a mindful, gentle manner. The 'Plus' comes from extra stretching and mobilising exercises with use of balls in various sizes (can be supplied). You just need your mat.

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Contact for more info/questions: [debbiejenner@outlook.com](mailto:debbiejenner@outlook.com)

**TETFORD RECREATION GROUND** If anyone feels they would like to make a donation (thank you to those who have) or to support us through our weekly lottery (it's £1 per week by direct debit – cancel anytime) then please get in touch, lottery details below. We continue to seek grant funding where we can to keep the rec going for the next year.

Many thanks to you all.

[www.selcplottery.co.uk/support/tetford-and-salmonby-recreation-ground](http://www.selcplottery.co.uk/support/tetford-and-salmonby-recreation-ground)

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**THE MANSION HONESTY SHOP** for homemade bakes in Little London is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays weather permitting and while stocks last. **The Honesty Shop will be opening the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**READING GROUP** An informal group of people who like to read that meets every other month. We take it in turns to choose the book and lead the discussion. Meetings are held at various venues and the books can range from classics to modern – free choice. **Next meeting 7pm Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

**March's book title is *The Dark Circle*, by Linda Grant.** Contact Karen Watkins Email [kwatkinshmg@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinshmg@gmail.com)

**CRICKET** Tetford Cricket Club's home ground is the village recreation ground. The team plays on Sundays in the East Lindsey Cricket League. Information about fixtures, results, teams and stats can be found by searching for **elcl.play-cricket.com** on the Internet. Mark Hughes is captain (07887 750696) and Kai Stephenson is vice-captain (07871 720882). Mark Kelsey (07789 626804) is the face of the team in Tetford, being the local postman! The team has 2 gazebos for them to change in, plus plenty of seating for spectators.

**TETFORD WALKING GROUP** – Jonty Wild [jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk](mailto:jontywild@byacatswhisker.co.uk) 01507 534075

**SOUTH ROAD RED TELEPHONE KIOSK** The kiosk acts as a book exchange and tourist information hub

**FISH and CHIPS** The Jolly Rogers Mobile Fish and Chips van stops in South Road opposite the Care Home between 5pm and 5.15pm every Monday.



## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (3 of 5)

**SURGERY.** The Wolds Surgery in Tetford is open from 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday; closed weekends and bank holidays. The surgery is part of the East Lindsey Medical Group (ELMG), Newmarket, Louth Tel. **01507 603121** (**Option 1** Automated system to book, set or cancel appointments/order repeat prescriptions **Option 2** Care Navigation Team **Option 3** Pharmacy/Prescriptions 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm). Dial 999 for life-threatening emergencies. There is a doctor in the practice at least 4 days a week and extra cover is provided by the advanced nurse practitioners. The practice has a Care Coordinator, who in liaison with the hospital can help patients in need to access services such as Macmillan, physio, medication, and has links with the disability nurse. There is a Veteran's liaison and a digital liaison person.

**PRIVATE GP CLINIC** A new private practice is up and running in Louth, a 20 minute appointment is £120, any forward treatments can be continued privately or referred back to the NHS.

The **online** ordering system (mainly for blood or smear tests, ordering repeat prescriptions and viewing your medical record), is at <https://systmonline.tpp-uk.com>.

You will need to register with the surgery before you can log into this online system.

**Also** there is an app – 'Airmid' – which "provides you with existing SystmOnline functionality plus lots more." You can log in with your SystmOnline username and password. However it has received very poor reviews with one reviewer judging it as "about as useful as a trap door in a canoe."

The old separate **pharmacy** number **01507 535001** will now take you to the same options as the **surgery** number. The pharmacy is Option 3. The pharmacy is open for collection of medicines from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, closed Monday 2pm to 4pm and the first Thursday of the month 2pm to 4pm for training. Controlled drugs must be collected before 5pm.

The **ELMG website** is at <http://www.eastlindseymedicalgroup.co.uk/>. The new 'total triage' system is accessed here. Search on 'East Lindsey Medical Group' and select 'Appointments' then you have various options including 'Use our online form' which takes you to 'Medical request/New condition' which takes you into the triage. Operates from 8am to 1pm.

The **Wolds Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)** represents patients and ELMG medical staff of the Wolds Surgery Tetford and is scheduled to meet every two months and to deliver a regular Newsletter. Reports from the meetings are, when available, printed in this magazine. Minutes/Notes from the meetings can be found on the **East Lindsey Medical Group database** under **Online Services/Get involved**: i.e. <https://www.eastlindseymedicalgroup.nhs.uk/get-involved/patient-group/>. If you wish to correspond with the PPG contact the Practice Manager Mickaela Crane at [licb.c83056@nhs.net](mailto:licb.c83056@nhs.net), or call the ELMG (East Lindsey Medical Group) switchboard on 01507 603121 or leave your correspondence at reception or with any PPG Member (names are on the Notes).

**'LIVES' First Responders.** For cardiac arrests, phone 999 and report the incident. You will be given a code for either the DEFIBRILLATOR on the Wolds surgery outside wall or on the village hall outside wall by the front door. Follow the instructions and close the defibrillator door (to stop the alarm). An ambulance will have been despatched and a LIVES First Responder alerted.

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (4 of 5)

### LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS:-

Tetford      Hamilton Hall and the Wolds Surgery *NB. If a defibrillator is used please alert Councillor Julia Larder on 07852 877425 as soon as possible after the event to ensure the necessary used items are replaced.*

Brinkhill      The porch of St Philip's Church

Langton      Langton village hall

Raithby      Red Telephone Box, Raithby Road

Somersby      Somersby Farm Office

**SOUTH WOLDS NURSING HOME** is offering tea and sandwiches to those who need a bit of company. They also offer, at cost, their chiropody and hairdressing services and will order milk in for you. Contact Linzy Stockdale on 01507 533393

**HORNCASTLE LIBRARY** is open Monday 9am-4pm; Tuesday Closed; Wednesday 9am-1pm; Thursday 9am-6pm; Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-1pm; Sunday Closed. Tel. 01522 782010 (Lincs County Council)

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE.** The Mobile Library stop at Tetford has been withdrawn due to insufficient borrowers using the service. Borrowers who struggle to reach their local library or community library facilities, due to mobility, age or ill health are invited to use the Access Mobile North home delivery service instead. Contact Graham Owen (Team Leader North) tel. 07483 017085 – email: [graham.owen@gll.org](mailto:graham.owen@gll.org) with your library borrower number and he will add you to the route, all free. Delivery/ Collection is monthly, on Thursdays: April 10<sup>th</sup>; May 8<sup>th</sup>; June 5<sup>th</sup>; July 3<sup>rd</sup>; July 31<sup>st</sup>; August 28<sup>th</sup>; September 25<sup>th</sup>; October 23<sup>rd</sup>; November 20<sup>th</sup>; December 18<sup>th</sup>

**NEWSPAPERS** The nearest newspapers are at the Shell garage this side of Horncastle, but they sell out early (they don't get many in of some titles). Later in the day it's safer to go to Perkins newsagent in the centre of Horncastle or one of the supermarkets

**EDWARD RICHARDSON PRIMARY SCHOOL** Head Teacher Mr Stuart Spendlow. Contact: [enquiries@edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk) Tel. 01507 533686  
<https://www.edward-richardson.lincs.sch.uk/index.html>

**MILK** is once again being delivered to Tetford, this time by McQueens Dairies who now have a milk round that includes Tetford (even though their website says they don't). They make weekly deliveries on a Monday and Thursday. You can alter your order online and pay via direct debit. Tel. 0330 555 5588; website [www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk](http://www.mcqueensdairies.co.uk).

**POSTBOX COLLECTIONS** in Tetford and Salmonby are 9am weekdays and 7am Saturdays from all four postboxes.

**THE HORNCASTLE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (Tel. 01507 526065)** is in the Sir Joseph Banks Centre at 11 Bridge Street LN9 5HZ, run by the Sir Joseph Banks Society. Follow the link <https://joseph-banks.org.uk> to start. The centre is also home to the Horncastle History and Heritage Society <https://horncastlejbc.info/horncastle-history-heritage-society>; some battery and printer ink recycling, a natural history museum and Victoria Atkins, our local MP. It is open from 10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (having said that, members of the individual societies and groups are often around outside those hours, so if you are happy to take pot-luck...). The Society is working on creating a digital OS Map of local places of interest.

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES and FACILITIES (5 of 5)

**BUS SERVICE 24** between Horncastle and Louth. Bus stop at St Mary's Church, Tetford. 30mins to Louth, 20mins to Horncastle. No Sunday service. **Tel. 0345 234 3344; <https://lincsbus.info>**

Louth to Horncastle **Mon-Fri** 09.27; 11.57; 13.57. **Sat** 10.17; 13.47 in Tetford

Horncastle to Louth **Mon-Fri** 10.13; 12.43; 14.43. **Sat** 11.00; 14.30 in Tetford

Buses leave Horncastle Interchange Shelter at 09.50, 12.20 and 14.20 **Mon-Fri** and 10.40 and 14.10 **Saturdays**

Buses leave Louth Bus Station at 09.00, 11.30 and 13.30 **Mon-Fri** and 09.50 and 13.20 **Saturdays**

Buses leave Louth Hospital at 10.40 and 13.10 **Mon-Fri**, connecting (sort of) at the Bus Station

There is also a CALLconnect On Demand Bus Service, subject to availability and within a radius of 12 miles (from Louth or Horncastle). You can book by app or by phone at one hours notice or up to 7 days in advance. It costs a maximum of £2 per single journey and can pick you up near your location. It is available to anyone and concessionary bus passes are accepted. The service operates 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday excluding Bank Holidays. Journeys are available to be booked from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays <https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/more-information/>

**HORNCASTLE POST OFFICE and DELIVERY OFFICE** These are two separate operations, even though they occupy the same building. So if you've missed a delivery you go to the Delivery Office, but to click and collect you go to the Post Office counter. The following opening times may change without notice, especially during pandemics:

**The Post Office** is open 09.00-17.30 Mon to Fri and 09.00-13.30 Saturday.

<https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/1543245/horncastle>; Tel. 01507 523 520.

**The Delivery Office** is open 08.00-10.00 Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri; 08.00-10.00 & 16.00-19.00 Thursday and 08.00-12.00 Saturday. <https://www.localmint.com/uk/royal-mail-delivery-office-horncastle-hours-615198>; Tel.0345 774 0740

**RUBBISH and RECYCLING** collections are on a MONDAY. Household waste (black bins) every two weeks. PURPLE-LIDDED BINS (FOR RECYCLING DRY PAPER AND CARDBOARD) and GREY BINS (other recycling INCLUDING GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS) alternate every two weeks on non-household weeks (so purple and grey are collected every 4 weeks each). Green waste (green bins) Tetford Friday, but Salmonby Monday, of purple or grey recycling weeks (reducing December to March). Apply to East Lindsey District Council for a collections calendar and, if required, a green waste bin (**£50 per year**). Ensure bins are available from 5.30am on the morning of your collection.

<https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/article/6714/Refuse-Recycling-and-Green-Waste-Collection-Days>

### INTERNET TETFORD INFORMATION SITES

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| Tetford & Salmonby Community                  | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/tetfordlincolnshire/">www.facebook.com/tetfordlincolnshire/</a>                             |
| Tetford Matters                               | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/">www.facebook.com/groups/160817426092384/</a>                       |
| Tetford Area Community                        | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/tetfordareacommunity/">www.facebook.com/groups/tetfordareacommunity/</a>             |
| Tetford & Salmonby Recreation Ground          | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/TetfordandSalmonbyRecreationGround">www.facebook.com/TetfordandSalmonbyRecreationGround</a> |
| Tetford Area Crimewatch                       | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/189857514689064/">www.facebook.com/groups/189857514689064/</a>                       |
| Tetford Parish Council                        | <a href="https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk">https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk</a>                          |
| NextDoor                                      | <a href="https://nextdoor.co.uk/">https://nextdoor.co.uk/</a>                                                                |
| Tetford and Surrounding Area Buying & Selling | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/169398526795061/">www.facebook.com/groups/169398526795061/</a>                       |
| Tetford Memories                              | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/Tetford/">www.facebook.com/groups/Tetford/</a>                                       |
| East Lindsey District Council                 | <a href="http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk">www.e-lindsey.gov.uk</a>                                                               |
| Tetford & District Flower & Veg Show          | <a href="mailto:tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com">tetfordflowerandvegshow@gmail.com</a>                                     |

## Spring Song

It's beginning to look a lot like springtime  
Everywhere you go  
The crocuses are in bloom and soon they'll be making room  
For daffodils and tulips all to grow

It's beginning to look a lot like springtime  
Blossoms clothe the trees  
Birds start to build their nests, you can cast off your thermal vests  
And pay ELDC your green bin fees

It's beginning to look a lot like springtime  
Soon clocks will be reset  
But the grass is too damp to cut, your mower remains in its hut  
Most days your poor dog trots home soaking wet

It's beginning to look a lot like springtime  
Birdsong fills the air  
The butterflies and bees flutter among the trees  
And children play outside without a care

It's beginning to look a lot like springtime  
Everywhere you go  
The pollen upon the breeze is certain to make you sneeze  
And people everywhere will say "achoo!"

It's beginning to look a lot like springtime  
Gardening's such a chore  
But the prettiest sight to see is the flowers that will be  
At your own front door

Yes, it's spring once more!

*Terri Willings, Tetford Area Feral Writers*

## Idiomatic Musings

At the end of the day,  
When all's said and done,  
The truth is that two heads  
Are better than one.

Great minds think alike,  
Or so it is said,  
But I beg to differ  
And dither instead.

Don't take for granted  
All you are told,  
For all that glistens  
Is not gold.

Just hold your head high  
And walk tall all the time,  
Wear a smile on your face,  
Come rain or come shine.

I hope what you've read  
Will be food for thought,  
Come hell or high water,  
The ball's in your court.

And now is the time  
To call it a day,  
Let's all pull the plug,  
While I hit the hay.

*Kath Thomas*

## Last Prayer for Nature

Moonlight flickering on that midnight stream  
Wandering the Wolds in this summer's dream  
This Silent Night broken by an owl's shriek  
Alone in the darkness I dare not speak

Blissfully being midst nature's story  
Absorbing the wild world in all its glory  
Away from screens of science and war  
God's great garden, mine to explore

When daylight breaks, she will bask in the glory  
As the crow awakens to the skylark's story  
Beau vista unravelled, hills, trees, flowers  
This is not for sale, for nature is not ours

Corporate greed may signal man's demise  
Where motive is pure profit humanity dies  
A war is being fought to save this precious land  
From investors making a few hundred grand

Is there really need for wanton destruction?  
To cover the clover with pointless construction  
Where the birds, bees and beasts freely roam  
This is their land too, it is their home

If noisy machines rape the flora and fauna  
Will we have regrets - we mutual mourners?  
Will they concrete over Blake's green and  
pleasant land?  
Maybe God will intervene and lend us a hand

*Man Yarner*

When God had made the earth and sky, the flowers and the trees  
He then made all the animals, the fish, the birds and bees.  
And when at last He'd finished, not one was quite the same,  
He said, 'I'll walk this world of mine, and give each one a name.'  
And so He travelled far and wide and everywhere He went,  
a little creature followed Him, until its strength was spent.  
When all were named upon the earth and in the sky and sea,  
the little creature said, 'Dear Lord, there's not one left for me.'  
Kindly the Father said to him, 'I've left you to the end,  
I've turned my own name back to front and called you Dog, my friend.'

Anon

*contributed by Jane Maitland*

## Chapter 1

I'm going to tell you about an ordinary story in an ordinary town. It's where no-one was scared that much, until someone was.....!

.....

It was an ordinary day at the Cottons' house. Kia Cottons was staring out of the window dreamily. She was thinking about spooky adventures and her favourite time of year, Hallowe'en. Who would scare her, she asked herself? A call interrupted her thoughts. "Kia, breakfast!" squealed her Mum. "Your Dad's made pancakes. And don't forget your friends are coming round soon." Kia leapt from the window and ran downstairs. Her Mum kept up a merry chatter, but Kia didn't listen to any of it. She was very busy (in her head) making plans of what to do with her friends when they came. Should they go skateboarding? Or to the Arcade? Or the cinema? Kia was fond of the cinema.

There was a ring at the doorbell. Kia looked surprised. What could they be playing at? They had arranged half-past ten. It was only half-past nine. Kia, annoyed, went to greet them. When her Mum left, she demanded, "It's only half nine. We arranged half ten." Rozi and Maisie said sorry and looked sheepish. Kia sighed, "Well you're here now so what's to be done. Want to go to the cinema?" she said with a cheeky grin. This was greeted with a yes and with such earnest faces Kia couldn't help but smile. It was obvious they were keen.

*To be continued!*

## **HUMOROUS HEROES THROUGH THE AGES** (Inadequately researched by Andrew Truscott)

### **1. Odysseus**

Probably the very first recorded hero whose epic journey, described by Homer, gave rise to the term Odyssey – a long trip involving a lot of different and exciting activities where adequate time should be given to thinking up a plausible excuse.

Apparently Odysseus went off with some mates for a bit of a sail around the Mediterranean and didn't get back for ten years, even though everyone else got back fairly quickly. Imagine the scene as

Odysseus opened his front door: his wife, arms folded, saying "where the hell have you been?" Poor Odysseus, having to think on the spot, saying "Sorry I'm late but I have had a terrible journey. There was this one eyed bloke throwing rocks, then I had to sail between two islands to avoid a six headed beast and some whirlpools, then I had to be tied to the mast to keep me away from some singing girls.....oh, forget that one.....and to cap it all I had to go down to the underworld to ask a prophet how to get home because some idiot lost the GPS, you couldn't make it up! Hang on, who are all these blokes?"





## FILM RUNDOWN by James Learoyd

Hello all! I've not managed to catch up on some of the bigger releases – like *Mickey 17* or *Black Bag* – but I still hope you enjoy reading and that it serves you well.

***Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy*** is a true delight and would entertain just about anyone – but especially any rom-com fans. This entry in the series drops the rather acidic tone which makes the first film feel slightly dated, but that doesn't mean it's any less funny. We witness Bridget living life as a single mother, looking for love once more. It's without a doubt the most heartfelt of the series and may very well be the best of the four! (Playing at The Kinema in the Woods and Louth Playhouse Cinema.)

***The Room Next Door*** is the first English-language feature from Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar, and stars two amazing performers: Tilda Swinton and Julianne Moore. It's based on Sigrid Nunez's *What Are You Going Through*. Like much of Almodóvar's work, the content is extremely challenging and deals with upsetting topics; yet there's a real sincerity to the film. If you're a fan of the book, I'd recommend giving it a go. (Will soon be available on digital.)

***Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.*** is a film everyone should watch. I saw this twice in cinemas when it came out a couple years ago, and I've been meaning to give it another spin. This emotional coming-of-age dramedy is filled with lovely little moments, phenomenal writing and performances. Give it a go! (Streaming on Netflix.)

Since the recent passing of the great Gene Hackman, I've been rewatching some of my favourites, and introducing myself to a couple I'd never seen. ***The Royal Tenenbaums*** features, in my eyes, his best performance – really one for the ages (Streaming on Disney +). ***The Conversation*** is one of my ten favourite movies of all time, and perfect for those who enjoy a slightly slower-paced psychological thriller (Showing on BBC Four on March 20, 22:40). ***Hoosiers*** is a basketball movie I watched for the first time recently which really demonstrates Hackman's unparalleled range as an actor (Streaming on Amazon Prime).

As always, thank you so much for reading! -- James Learoyd, Laurel Cottage

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## CHILDREN and SCHOOL SECTION

### The Edward Richardson Primary School

What a fantastic month we've had here at school - packed with new faces, exciting projects and even a touch of movie magic

Firstly, we'd love to warmly welcome our wonderful new caretaker, Mrs Middleton. She's quickly become a superstar member of our team, working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school safe, sparkling, and spotless. The halls have never looked better, and we think she's secretly mastered the art of appearing everywhere at once!

Our Film Club has just wrapped up, and what an adventure it's been. With guidance from our very own Spielberg, Mr Learoyd, the children discovered that filmmaking isn't quite as straightforward as it looks on TV! However, they persevered and created a delightful masterpiece about a teddy bear's very first day at school. Move over, Paddington!

This month, we've put our Year 6 journalists to work uncovering the exciting activities happening throughout the school. Here's their exclusive report:

In Class 1, our youngest learners have been making the most of their fabulous new canopy, transforming their outdoor space. Adventure has been at the heart of their days, with diary entries recounting the exploits of a lost woolly mammoth (if anyone sees it wandering the village, do let us know!). Space has been another exciting topic, and they're already counting to 10 confidently in Maths. And of course, story-time with the amazing Miss Freshwater remains a highlight of every day!

Class 2 pupils have been transported back in time, exploring the fascinating world of castles. They've also been captivated by the charming book "Major Glad, Major Dizzy," an adventure of two courageous toy soldiers navigating life and history. In Science, our brilliant Chief Scientist, Mrs Andrew, has been leading thrilling experiments about materials and their mysterious properties.

Over in Class 3, students have been diving into the intriguing story "Blue John," sparking brilliant discussions and imaginative writing. Geography lessons have taken them on an adventure across South America - passport-free! In Science, they've been investigating the forces of friction and gravity with Miss Wakefield, our resident Moon Expert. Thankfully, nobody has floated away yet...

Finally, Class 4 pupils have been crafting suspense-filled narratives inspired by the hauntingly atmospheric Whitby Abbey. They've also been journeying through South America in Geography, uncovering amazing facts about vibrant cultures and incredible landscapes. Meanwhile, in PE, they've been showcasing their best moves under the expert guidance of star choreographer Mrs Winter, dancing their hearts out like future Strictly Come Dancing champions!

Best wishes,  
Stuart Spendlow  
Headteacher

**The Edward Richardson Primary School**  
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## Answers to the February Quiz

(1) bush (2) sword (3) rainbow (4) stone (5) path (6) king (7) together (8) pie (9) milk (10) poke (11) rabbit (12) black (13) bite (14) lining (15) teacup (16) Paul (17) cake (18) stones (19) water (20) camel's

**THE MARCH QUIZ** – This month is all about numbers. These are all well-known phrases or sayings, but the numbers are missing. Some of these are quite hard!

1. (...) blackbirds baked in a pie
2. The grand old Duke of York, he had (...) men
3. How many in a baker's dozen?
4. (...) trombones led the big parade.
5. Get your kicks on Route (...)
6. She's got the key of the door, never been (...) before
7. (...) Gentlemen of Verona (Shakespeare!)
8. (...) green bottles hanging on the wall
9. In motoring, what speed in miles per hour is a ton?
10. The Prime Minister lives at Number (...) Downing Street
11. Enid Blyton wrote adventure stories about the Famous (...) and the Secret (...)
12. On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me, (...) turtle doves
13. Ali Baba and the (...) Thieves
14. It was (...) of one and half a dozen of the other.
15. The Battle of Hastings was in the year (...)
16. There are (...) states in the USA
17. There are (...) years in a millennium
18. The (...) Commandments
19. (...) Dalmations, Disney film
20. As I was going to St Ives I met a man with (...) wives, and every wife had (...) sacks and every sack had (...) cats, and every cat had (...) kits. Kits, cats, sacks and wives, how many were going to St Ives? Answer (...)

## DOG JOKES

- I spilt spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.
- We call our dog Egypt because he leaves a pyramid in every room.
- A postman met a small boy with a huge dog. "Does your dog bite?" asked the postman. "No," replied the boy. And the dog bit the postman's leg. "You said your dog doesn't bite!" shouted the postman. "That's not my dog," said the boy.
- A man took his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?" "Okay," said the vet, "Let's have a look at him." So he picked up the dog to examine his eyes and check his teeth. Finally he said, "I'm sorry but I'm afraid I'm going to have to put him down." "What? Because he's cross-eyed?" asked the man. "No," replied the vet. "Because he's really, really heavy."

## TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL *by the Editor*

The Parish Council for Tetford and Salmonby consists of up to seven local elected members plus the Parish Clerk, who usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Hamilton Hall, Tetford at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome. Meeting agendas and official minutes are published on the Parish Council website: <https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk> or specifically <https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/34/minutes-2024---2025> and on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Hamilton Hall (take your reading specs and possibly a ladder). Parish Clerk Pauline Murray email: [tetfordandsalmonbyparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:tetfordandsalmonbyparishclerk@outlook.com)

Your Parish Councillors are:

|                     |                                                            |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ray Whitley (Chair) | Manor Farm, East Road, Tetford, LN9 6QQ Tel. 07831 236766  |
| Julia Larder        | Hill View, North Road, Tetford, LN9 6QH. Tel. 07852 877425 |
| Don Osborne         | Rye Fields, South Ormsby Road, Tetford, LN9 6QF Tel.       |
| Maddie Hoad         | Hollyoak, Little London LN9 6QI Tel. 01507 533575          |
| Michael Eve         | Walnut Cottage, South Road, Tetford Tel. 07850 852854      |
| Richard Hazel       | The Grange, Fulletby Road, Salmonby LN9 6QS Tel.           |

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Current, Future and Possible Newbuild Sites**

**For planning applications please see:** <https://publicaccess.e-lindsey.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Recent activity in **BOLD**

| Site Identity             | Planning Ref          | Original Submission Date | No. of Dwellings | Current Status                | Notes                                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Bluebell Woods            | S/177/01795/17        | Oct 2017                 | 11/12            | 11 Approved 1 not applied for | In progress North Road                            |
| Land Behind Mercia House  | S/177/01913/19        | Oct 2019                 | 8                | Approved                      | In progress South Road                            |
| Manor Farm                | S/177/02206/20        | Dec 2020                 | 6                | Approved                      | 4 Building plots for sale, East Road              |
| <b>Manor Farm</b>         | <b>S/177/01352/24</b> | <b>Sept 2024</b>         | <b>2</b>         | <b>Approved 20.1.2025</b>     | <b>Pair of semis East Road</b>                    |
| <b>Manor Farm</b>         | <b>S/177/01862/24</b> | <b>6 Dec 2024</b>        | <b>1</b>         | <b>Registered</b>             | <b>Dwelling &amp; vehicular access, East Road</b> |
| Cross Keys Site           | S/177/00644/23        | April 2023               | 2?               | Approved                      | 1 built, 1 status unknown. Salmonby Rd.           |
| Aura Soma                 | S/177/01273/17        | July 2017                | 35               | Withdrawn Oct 2017            | A 'sleeper'? South Road                           |
| Aura Soma                 | S/177/01465/24        | Sept 2024                | 9                | Approved 9.12.2024            | South Road                                        |
| Land South of Upper Garth | S/177/01047/16        | May 2016                 | 7                | Refused on Appeal             | A 'sleeper' Salmonby Road                         |
| Land Adjacent to Arden    | S/177/01443/24        | Sept 2023                | 1                | Approved 8.11.2024            | North Road, between Wood Farm and 'Arden'         |
| Ashwood House             | S/177/02149/20        | Nov 2020                 | 1                | Approved                      | In progress, Little London                        |
| Whitegate House           | S/177/00695/22        | April 2022               | 1                | Approved                      | In progress, Tetford Hill                         |
| <b>Field View</b>         | <b>S/177/01739/24</b> | <b>11 Nov 2024</b>       | <b>1</b>         | <b>Approved 31.12.2024</b>    | <b>Salmonby Road</b>                              |

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 (Editor's Notes)

Four of six councillors present. Eleven members of the public (MoPs). District Councillor Simpson present.

### MoP Time

- No issues raised by members of the public (one claimed to be “just too tired”)

### COUNCIL

- **Bus Shelter.** It was accepted that a ‘matching’ contribution to the cost of a bus shelter could be made from the Parish Council precept (up to £500?), although the main part of the cost would have to be met by grants(if they exist) and fundraising. There is a (District Council?) grant initiative called ‘Investment Grants’, tranches of which can be applied for at intervals. We have as yet no idea of the cost of a bus shelter but the PC is seeking designs and quotes (*Belchford’s bus shelter looks a good model – Ed.*)
- **Highways.** A MoP raised the issue of the state of the bridleway off the Salmonby Road known as ‘Green Lane.’ It is believed that heavy machinery from Aura Soma is to blame.
- **District Councillor Simpson reported that:**
  1. East Lindsey have withdrawn from the Nuclear Waste Partnership.
  2. Mayoral elections will culminate in the dissolution of District and County Councils by 2028, one outcome of which might be that Parish Councils may be making planning decisions (*good thing or bad?*)
  3. The Local Plan has been delayed significantly, the Planning Policy Committee have no steer as to what to do about it.
- **White Hart.** It was agreed by the Council to renew the designation of the White Hart as a Community Asset.
- **VE Day Anniversary.** It was suggested by the Chairman of the Council that the celebration of the anniversary of VE Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May should take the form perhaps of a lunchtime quiz and a hog roast in and around the village hall
- **Co-option of Councillor.** Mr Bryan Willson was co-opted onto the Council.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30 in the Hamilton Hall.**



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## The Walk by Simon Wood: Donington on Bain and Locality,

Distance approx. 3¾ - 6 miles, time approx. 1½ - 2½ hours. Total ascent 67-85 metres Road, footpath, bridleway, farm tracks. Walking boots are recommended. Three churches, pub, two shops.

This month's walk revisits the Donington on Bain region, following the Viking Way before heading towards Gayton le Wold, then turning along the high chalk ridge before returning to Donington on Bain and the Bain Valley via either Welsdale Road or Manor Hill, according to the walker's stamina and/or time available.

The starting point, **A**, is reached by taking the Bluestone Heath Road and heading over the A153. Then, take the third turn to the left (the one *after* the radar station/Stenigot), where there is plenty of parking space at the commencement of the walk. Here is The Old Mill House, where Mill Stream Barn Holiday Cottages are located. Two luxurious, highly-rated converted barns, accommodating two and up to four persons in a delightful location. <https://www.millstreambarn.com>



From **A**, follow the Viking Way footpath along the River Bain, passing over a footbridge to a picturesque lake on your left-hand side before the Bain becomes a meandering stream through high grass and reeds. At **B**, the footpath diverges. To the left is the Viking Way continuation, going over a footbridge and shortly passing the church of St Helen's, previously described by the author as the church having the most gargoyles per metre of any church in Lincolnshire, now sadly dilapidated and closed to the public. At **B**, there is the choice of cutting across the open meadow in the direction of the footpath sign or continuing along the river, which wends its way along the bottom of the meadow, and then following the stream alongside the road until you can join the road at **C** via a small bridge. The longer route along the river is quite magical and recommended by the author.

At **C**, follow the road to **D**, where the sign shows the route along a farm track. At **E**, the way along the chalk ridge is clearly indicated and you can follow the track to **F** with ease. There are good views to the right and, if the weather is clear, you can see Lincoln Cathedral in the distance, some twenty miles away.

At **F**, there is the option of returning to your vehicle along Welsdale Road, a descent of some 65 metres, or continuing to **G**. At **G**, a footpath takes you down to the village of Donington on Bain, **H**, where there is a general store, J Ward, 'village shop and off licence', and also Post & Pantry, a 'traditional village shop', specialising in local Lincolnshire food and drink. It features a Post Office and tearoom, and can deliver 'beautiful hampers, full of lovely Lincolnshire products.'

<https://www.postandpantry.co.uk>

You may also refresh your thirst and legs at the Blacksmith's Arms, before following the road back to **A** (actually the official route of the Viking Way). For the hardest of our readers, you may alternatively continue onto **I** with a descent through woods and plantations to **J**, the old Station House. Instead of walking all the way back along the road, at **K**, you may take the footpath to join the Viking Way at **L**, following it parallel to the road until the path rejoins the road opposite the church of St Andrew, **M**. The author is yet to visit it but it is said to date from the late 12<sup>th</sup> Century. According to the National Churches Trust, St Andrews is "open daily, from dawn to dusk."

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-andrew-donington-bain>

Visible from the walk is Belmont Tower, until 2010 the highest structure in the UK, and the highest 'of its kind' in the world. Now, at 351.7 metres – 1154 feet in old money, it is the second highest in the UK after Skelton in Cumbria. Where it is in world rankings now remains uncertain. The author has yet to visit it but has been assured it is – or was – possible to walk right up to it. Interestingly, renovations to the tower are carried out by persons carried in gondolas that sail up and down the retaining cables. Its red aircraft warning lights can be seen widely from Lincolnshire and apparently from as far away as parts of Norfolk and Derbyshire.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belmont\\_transmitting\\_station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belmont_transmitting_station)

Also visible - and visitable - is the Chain Home Radar Station and mast at Stenigot. The platforms are rumoured to be used by service members to practise abseiling techniques and enjoy the experience of sleeping on high platforms.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chain\\_Home](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chain_Home)

Carrying along the road at **D** brings you to the lovely little church of St Peter, Gayton le Wold. The author has visited it and found it peaceful and charming. It is open from 'dusk till dawn'. It is a nice extension to the shorter walk. <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-peter-gayton-le-wold>.

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Applicants must be under 26 years of age. Application forms are available from the clerk to the trust at [ppurves@aol.com](mailto:ppurves@aol.com) or Marlene Renshaw 07795 662007.

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Daffs in West Road, Potholes at Salmonby Bends, the New King Charles postbox in East Road, the WI Coffee Morning, the Mansion House Honesty Shop, Floods in West Road, Approach Road to Harrington (courtesy Terri Willings), Red Sky from North Road

